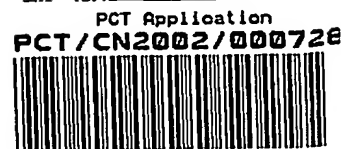


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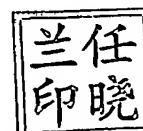
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- ☐ the claims:

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pages * _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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- ☐ the drawings:

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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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International application No.
PCT/CN02/00728**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)

Claims 2-14 YESClaims 1 NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 9-14 YESClaims 1-8 NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-14 YES

Claims _____ NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Cited documents :

D1: Murakami et al, Yakugaku Zasshi, 1995, 105(7), 649-654

D2: Nasim Sultana et al, Phytochemistry, 1999, 50, 1249-1253

D3: P. Dittich et al, Phytochemistry, 1971, 11, 245-250

D4: Laurens Snderson et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1957, 79, 1171-1174

2. Novelty and Inventive step

Claim 1 relates to a compound, 5-O-methyl-myo-inositol, i.e. sequoyitol. This is a known compound (pls. see the whole documents of D1-D4). Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 1 is not considered to meet the requirements of the PCT Art. 33(2)(3) with respects of Novelty and Inventive Step.

It seems that none of the prior art documents discloses the method of extracting sequoyitol from the Taxux spp. In claims 2-8. However, according to the taught in D3 that sequoyitol is present in the Taxaceae, it is obvious to a skilled in the art to extract it out from the Taxus spp. by a conventional routine, such as the extracting methods in D1 or D2. Thus, the subject matters of claims 2-8 appear not to involve inventive step, i.e. they are considered not to meet the requirement of the PCT Art. 33(3).

None of the prior art documents discloses the pharmaceutical compositions in claims 9-10 and the pharmaceutical uses in claims 11-14. So they are considered to meet the criteria mentioned in the PCT Art. 33(2)(3).

3. Industrial applicable

Claim 1-14 are considered to be industrial applicable.